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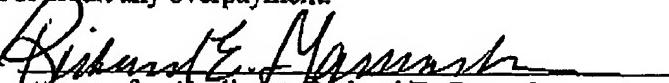
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 Docket No.: FJPR-187XX

Sir:

In re application of: Robert Sultan et al.

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Entitled: **AGGREGATE RATE TRANSPARENT LAN SERVICE FOR CLOSED USER GROUPS OVER OPTICAL RINGS**

Transmitted herewith is a response to office action in the above-identified application. The following checked items are applicable:

- This is a Request for Continued Examination under §1.114; authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account No. 23-0804 for the cost of same (\$\_\_\_\_\_) per §1.17(e).
- Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ per §1.116.
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- Other:

CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT:	MINUS PRIOR PAID CLAIMS:	EQUALS PRESENT EXTRA CLAIMS:	RATE:	ADDITIONAL FEE:
Independent	2 - 3	= 0	x \$200.00 =	0
Total	14 - 20	= 0	x \$ 50.00 =	0
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<b>SUBTOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE</b>				0
<b>Small Entity filing, divide by 2. Small Entity status must be asserted.</b>				0
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE</b>				0

- No additional fee.  The fee has been calculated above; authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account No. 23-0804 (\$\_\_\_\_\_) for the cost of same.
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